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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
MICHIGAN COMPETITIVENESS

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 12:00 noon Room 519 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Michigan Competitiveness was called to order by the Chair.

Chairman Chatfield requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Members present: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Neely, Hammoud.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Lilly moved to amend the minutes from the March 8th, 2017 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Representative Lilly moved to approve the minutes from the March 9th, 2017 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4192 before the committee:

HB 4192 (Glenn) Education; curriculum; implementation of certain curriculum standards and assessments in place of common core curriculum standards and assessments in this state; require.

Dr. Paul Salah, representing Wayne RESA, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Lauri Hartmann and Kate Bassett, both representing 107th district's parents and educators, testified in opposition to the bill.

Linda Forward, representing the Office of Education Improvement and Innovation – Michigan Department of Education, testified in opposition to the bill.

Dr. Thomas Langdon, representing Sturgis Public Schools, testified in opposition to the bill.

Tracy Horodyski, representing herself and previous Teachers of the Year, testified in opposition to the bill.

Melanie Kurdys and Tarmara Carlone, representing Stop Common Core in Michigan, testified in support of the bill.

Raymond and Rosalie Skwiers, representing themselves, testified in support of the bill.

Bob Kefgen and Peter Spadafore, representing the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, testified in opposition to the bill.

Allie Bush, representing the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, and Lindsay Case Palsrok, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, both testified in opposition to the bill.

Thomas Burke, representing himself, submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:23 p.m.

Representative Lee Chatfield, Chair_____

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